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An online training program on wild food value-chains

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Task 5.1 Capacity building

Coordinated by UNIPD with the participation of all partners, except AVFA and Prodeca

Main goal:

→ **Design and implementation of a training program addressed to the actors of the wild food value-chains**, with special attention to SMEs, smallholders, small food processing companies, entrepreneurs, with preference to the young ones.

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The activities

- Around **10 hours of recorded videos**
  - → About 80% recorded in the field
- **40 different videos**, more than **20 experts** involved from:
  - Italy (truffle)
  - Slovenia (truffle)
  - Spain (pine nuts)
  - Portugal (acorn)

- For **3 wild food products** (truffle, pine nuts and acorn) the **entire supply chain** described and analysed, i.e. from forest (forest owners/pickers) to final consumers (restaurant)

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The structure of the course

- **Module 1:** *Wildfood products: an overview (1h20)*

This module provides the **main theoretical concepts** needed to have an overview of wild forest products sector, such as the existing definitions, their economic value and their role in international policies.

- **Module 2:** *Business in wildfood products (6h30)*

This module provides references to describe the **different stages of the truffle, pine nut and acorn supply chain**. The different phases are first introduced on a theoretical level by the project partners and then described through interviews and video recordings in the field, which involved producers, pickers, process industries and final users

- **Module 3***: Innovation in wildfood value chains (1h 50)*

This module is a collection of case studies of **innovative technologies and processes** applied to wild or semi-wild food provisioning or monitoring (innovation action devoloped during the project)

- **Module 4***: Test your idea*

Student can develop their **business plan Canvas** for an evaluation

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Operational aspects

The training course has been **uploaded in MOODLE**, the platform managed by Padua University
(https://samv.elearning.unipd.it/course/view.php?id=5104)

→ Open to all students and, under request, to external users

→ Username and Password provided by Tesaf staff
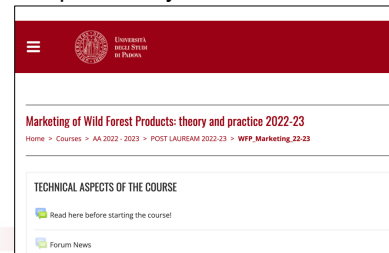
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How to promote the course?

Flyer (in pdf) to promote the training courses
 → a link for filling out a **Google form** by participants

Once registered, participants will receive an email (sent by Tesaf staff) with **username and password** within about ten days.

….to this day **31 students enrolled**

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